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MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 10 TASS -- FOLLOWS COMMENTARY BY YURIY KORNILOV, TASS POLITICAL NEWS ANALYST:

SPEAKING IN WASHINGTON, MRS. FOSTER, A CIA REPRESENTATIVE, SAID THAT HER DEPARTMENT ALLEGEDLY CONTINUED OBSERVING SOME INSIDE OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH PROHIBIT ENLISTING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY. AT THE SAME TIME, MRS. FOSTER, AS THE UPI AGENCY POINTED OUT, WAS FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THIS IS NOT NOT AN ABSOLUTE BAN. WE DO NOT SAY YOU CANNOT TALK TO US, AND WE CANNOT TALK TO YOU, SHE SAID.

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THUS, ON THE ONE HAND, THE CIA, IF ONE TAKES MRS. FOSTER'S CLAIMS FOR GRANTED, DOES NOT RECRUIT AGENTS AMONG JOURNALISTS, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS QUITE WILLING TO "TALK" TO THEM. HOW ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THIS?

THE PRESS AND THE CIA HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, WILLIAM COLBY, FORMER CIA DIRECTOR, ONCE SAID ADDRESSING AN ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION. WE AND YOU ARE IN INFORMATION BUSINESS, AREN'T WE? SO LET US COOPERATE, HE SAID. HOW THE GENTLEMEN FROM LANGLEY INTERPRET THE NOTION "COOPERATION" IS SEEN FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOLLOWING FACT: THE CIA HOLDS "IN THE SPHERE OF ITS INFLUENCE" MORE THAN 800 NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS, PRESS SERVICES AND NEWS AGENCIES. AND THIS FIGURE GROWS FROM YEAR TO YEAR, SINCE MASTERS OF IDEOLOGICAL PROVOCATIONS ARE ACTIVELY MEDDLING IN THE FIELD OF PROPAGANDA, TRYING TO LAY THEIR HAND ON EVER NEW AMERICAN AND FOREIGN MASS MEDIA AND ACTIVELY RECRUITING THEIR OWN AGENTS FROM AMONG BOURGEOIS JOURNALISTS.

AS THE AMERICAN JOURNAL "ROLLING STONE" ONCE POINTED OUT, FOR 25 YEARS CIA'S SECRET ASSIGNMENTS WERE PERFORMED BY MORE THAN 400 AMERICAN JOURNALISTS FROM THE MAJOR U.S. NEWS MEDIA -- THE AP AND UPI AGENCIES, THE ABC AND NBC RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANIES, THE NEWSPAPERS NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST, THE WEEKLIES TIME AND NEWSWEEK, ETC. ACCORDING TO THE JOURNAL THEY CARRY OUT A WHOLE SET OF SECRET ASSIGNMENTS -- FROM COLLECTING INFORMATION TO ACTING AS CONTACT MAN WITH SPIES IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

THE CIA HAS HUNDREDS OF ITS PEOPLE WORKING IN VARIOUS OFFICES IN

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OTHE WORLD PRESS -- FROM EXECUTIVES TO FREE LANCE REPORTERS, WROTE RALPH MCGEHEE, WHO WAS ON THE PAYROLL OF THE U.S. ESPIONAGE AGENCY FROM 1952 TO 1977, THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "DEATH AND LIE, 25 YEARS WITH THE CIA". LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN THE CIA SINCE I QUIT IT. IT IS FOLLOWING THE SAME POLICY AND USING THE SAME METHODS, HE WROTE. HE COULD NOT BE MORE CORRECT.

WHEN ONE WASHES DIRTY LINEN IN PUBLIC THIS ONLY DOES DAMAGE TO THE CIA'S ABILITY TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS EFFECTIVELY, STANSFIELD TURNER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE DEPARTMENT, ONCE COMPLAINED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. WELL, SOME PEOPLE AT LANGLEY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO CONCEAL, TO CAMOUFLAGE THE FOUL METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE AMERICAN "KNIGHTS OF CLOAK AND DAGGER".

1) THAT IS PRECISELY WHY MRS. SHARON FOSTER IS SO ZEALOUSLY, ALBEIT CLUMSILY, DISAVOWING, TRYING TO DENY THE UNDENIABLE FACT THAT THE 'BOURGEOIS PRESSMEN HAVE ALREADY LONG BEEN ACTIVELY USED BY THE CIA FOR ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN STATES. THIS IS A FUTILE EFFORT.